

Utah State Board of Education
Resolution on Civic Education, Character Education and Academic Service
Learning

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WHEREAS, Utah school children need to know about our nation's founding principles, how the government functions, and must be prepared to take their place as active, thoughtful citizens within our democratic republic; and

WHEREAS, Civic and Character Education is a core mission of Utah schools; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Board of Education views productive civic engagement as a vital goal of the public education system; and

WHEREAS, Civic Education, Character Education, and Academic Service Learning are interconnected developmental components within the goal of productive civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, gaining civic knowledge, civic skills, and affirmative civic dispositions is critical to lifelong participation as effective citizens; and

WHEREAS, productive civic engagement benefits the society as a whole without regard to diversity of backgrounds, national origin, primary language, culture, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and/or economic status; and

WHEREAS, Civic Education, Character Education, and Academic Service Learning can be most effectively implemented through an interdisciplinary integrated approach, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Utah State Board of Education promotes the integration of Civic Education, Character Education and Academic Service Learning into all areas of the Utah State Core Curriculum; and be it further

RESOLVED, that students in Utah schools be encouraged to develop skills, knowledge, procedures, and dispositions which lead to productive civic engagement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Utah State Board of Education promotes the development of student commitment to active citizenship, community involvement, responsibility, and respect for the rule of law through an emphasis within families schools and other social institutions on active thoughtful citizenship.